



# Virginia Green Restaurants



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## Pilot House Fairfax, VA

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**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

### Pilot House

Pilot House is a dinner and late night gathering location that provides a diverse menu from breakfast to specialty pizza served in a contemporary seating space overlooking a protected nature zone.

Pilot House decided to join Virginia Green to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability.

### Virginia Green Activities

#### **This facility pledges that they:**

##### **Eliminate the use of Polystyrene and minimize disposables**

- Use disposable containers that are made from bio-based materials

##### **Recycle Grease**

- Use our grease to make bio-diesel

##### **Recycle and Reduce Waste**

- Glass (required for Virginia Green restaurants)
- Aluminum Cans
- Plastic
- Toner Cartridges
- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Packing Supplies
- Fluorescent Lamps (may required by law)
- Batteries

- Electronics equipment - computers, etc.
- Track overall waste bills
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchase organic and / or 'sustainably-grown' foods
- Use reusable dishware and glassware & minimize use of disposables
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use menus and table placards as opportunity to communicate green activities
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled content paper towels and toilet paper
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory & effective labeling systems
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make 2 sided copies / printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Using 'green' Cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Steel Cans
- Office Paper

### Use Water Efficiently

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Have a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have high efficiency dishwashers
- Have low flow bathroom sink faucets and showerheads (sink faucets use no more than 1.5 gallons per minute (gpm), showerheads no more than 2.5 gpm)

### Conserve Energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Use LED Exit Signs
- Use high efficiency compat flourescent ballasts and lamps (T-5's & T-8's)
- Use natural lighting
- Purchase ENERGY STAR computers, appliances, etc.



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For more information on **Pilot House**, see [dining.gmu.edu](http://dining.gmu.edu) or contact Mark Kraner at [mkraner@gmu.edu](mailto:mkraner@gmu.edu) or 703-993-1784.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen).



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